P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, the month of April is generally a proper time for planting of trees in South Dakota; and

WHEREAS, our trees, forests, forest products and forest influences are essential to the livelihood, well-being and recreation of the citizens of the state; and

WHEREAS, our trees and forests are one of our few renewable natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the experience in the past years in the shelterbelt and other related tree planting programs has furnished living proof that trees will live and grow if properly planted and cared for; and

WHEREAS, the Keep South Dakota Green movement and the Tree Farm program are urging farmers and timber owners to give better protection and care to their trees; and

WHEREAS, it is most desirable that schools, civic and service organizations, farmers, newspapers, and youth groups participate in programs and ceremonies which emphasize the need for planting of trees and shrubs throughout our great state both for pleasure and for use;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joe Foss, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim Friday, April 27, 1956, as

ARBOR DAY

and respectfully urge that appropriate exercises be held in the public schools; and that newspapers of the state lend their assistance; that civic, church, farm and youth organizations unite in directing the attention of the people to the need and importance of conserving and increasing our vital supply of timber. Let Arbor Day be a tree planting day and a new and greater interest will be stimulated in our true appreciation of trees, tree planting and conservation. I earnestly request that the day be observed in a loyal and public spirited manner by all our people, and that Arbor Day will become a symbol of our faith in the future.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota to be affixed this 14th day of February, 1956.

Joe Foss
Governor

ATTEST:
Geraldine Osterat
Secretary of State

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